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SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA

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1. IN EFFORT TO MAXIMIZE OUR INFLUENCE ON KEY KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA, I HAVE KEPT IN CONTACT WITH MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE HERE ON THIS ISSUE. EARLIER THIS WEEK BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO URGE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MOST STRONGLY TO VOTE WITH FRIENDLY RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORS AT LEAST ON PROCEDURAL VOTE DETERMINING ORDER IN WHICH SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY UNGA. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND I MET TOGETHER FOR SPECIFIC STRATEGY SESSION OCT 14, FOLLOWING WHICH HE CALLED ON T&T MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY SEIGNORET.

2. UK HICOM INFORMED ME SUBSEQUENTLY THAT SEIGNORET REVELAED THAT GOTT HAD GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO
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ISSUE SINCE MY LAST DISCUSSION WITH HIM, BUT THAT

EXPECTATION STILL REMAINED THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL INSTRUCT GOTTDELEGATION TO ABSTAIN ON THIS ISSUE. SEIGNORET, HOWEVER, WAS OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH PROCEDURAL POINT AT STAKE AD ALSO SEEMED FAVORABLE INCLINED TOWARD REVISED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION FOLLOWING INCORPORATION OF FRENCH AMENDMENTS.

3. BRITISH HICOM AND I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FRENCH ACTIVELY SUPPORT OUR REPRESENTATIONS HERE NOW THAT FRANCE HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE IN REVISING RESOLUTION AND BUILDING WIDER ACCEPTANCE. I TALKED WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR CHOLLET, WHO WAS WELL INFORMED, BUT HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE KOREA ISUSE UP WITH GOTT ON THE BASIS OF OUR CONVERSATION HE VOLUNTEERED TO REPORT TO PARIS THE UK AND USG REPRESENTATIONS TO GOTT HERE AND MY INQUIRE TO HIM. HE HOPES THEREBY TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN TURN ACTIVELY TO TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH THE GOTT.

4. I HAVE DECIDED WE SHOULD FURTHER PURSUE THE ISSUE AS WELL AND POLITICA OFFICER WIL TAKE IT UP WITH THE FONOFF CHIEF OF POLITICA AFFAIRS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REVISED RESOLUTION AND THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FIRST PROCEDURAL VOTE. WE WILL SEEK DIRECT GOTT SUPPORT ON THE PROCEDURAL VOTE THIS TIME, WITH THE HOPE THAT GOTT WILL VOTE TO UPHOLD STANDING RULES BUT AT THE VERY LEAST WILL HOLD TO ITS ABSTENTION POLICY.

5. I HAVE ALSO CONTACTED MY DUTCH COLLEAGUE BUT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS. THUS FAR HAVE NOT DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH OTHER CO-SPONSOR RESIDENT MISSIONS (CANADA, GERMANY, AND NEW ZEALAND).

6. IN VIEW OF FRENCH ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH SPONSORING RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS, BELIEVE IT WILL BE HELPFULNESS IF FRENCH EMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN PROMPTLY RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE ISSUE UP WITH GOVERNMENT HERE. OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS WILL BE STRONGER.

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